

## BOOK NOTICES

## Blackwell Publishing

JOHN A. MIRANOWSKI and COLIN G. SCANES (Eds). 2005. **Perspectives in World Food and Agriculture, Volume 2.** (ISBN 0-8138-2021-9, hbk.). Blackwell Publishing Professional, 2121 State Avenue, Ames, IA, 50014, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-862-6657; 1-515-292-3348; www.blackwellprofessional.com). \$124.99, 334 pp., b/w figures, graphs, tables, index, 6" × 9".

*From the back cover:*—"The second volume in a series designed to keep agricultural leaders abreast of the most up-to-date information concerning global agriculture. Perspectives in World Food and Agriculture, Volume 2 brings together cutting-edge agricultural research and the latest views on agricultural policy."

ALEXANDER KRINGS and RICHARD R. BRAHAM. 2005. **Guide to Tendrillate Climbers of Costa Rican Mountains.** (ISBN 0-632-05249-X, hbk.). Blackwell Publishing Professional, 2121 State Avenue, Ames, IA, 50014, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-862-6657; 1-515-292-3348; www.blackwellprofessional.com). \$99.99, 182 pp., b/w line drawings, tables, index, 7" × 10".

Krings and Braham include all native and naturalized tendrillate climbers, lianas and vines, known to occur at elevations over 700 m in the mountains of Costa Rica. This taxonomic guide includes keys to families, genera, and species. "Most family and genus entries contain information on distinguishing the family or genus from other similar-looking taxa." Synonymy, Description, Phenology, and Distribution are provided for each taxon as well as detailed b/w line drawings.

ALAIN PEETERS with contributions from CECILE VANBELLINGHIE and JOHN FRAME. 2004. **Wild and Sown Grasses: Profiles of a Temperate Species Selection: Ecology, Biodiversity and Use.** (ISBN Blackwell 0-4051-0529-1; FAO ISBN 92-5-105159-3, hbk.). Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Blackwell Publishing Professional, 2121 State Avenue, Ames, IA, 50014, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-862-6657; 1-515-292-3348; www.blackwellprofessional.com). \$119.99, 311 pp., color photos, b/w line drawings, tables, index, 7" × 10".

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